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SUBJ MOOD OF EGYPTIANS IN GENEVA

1. DURING MY COURTESY CALL JANUARY 22, EGYPTIAN DELEGATION CHIEF AMB AL ERIAN AND EGYPTIAN GENEVA PERMREP KHALLAF EVINced OPTIMISM ABOUT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. I RELATED MY IMPRESSIONS FROM ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY ON HIS LATEST TRIP TO AREA, SAYING SADAT'S STATESMANSHIP HAD BEEN A KEY FACTOR MAKING DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT POSSIBLE, AND ADDING THAT HE UNQUESTIONABLY WAS LEADER OF ARAB WORLD.

2. AL ERIAN EVIDENTLY SHARED MY UNDERSTANDING THAT CAIRO WANTED NOW TO SEE HOW DISENGAGEMENT WOULD WORK OUT IN PRACTICE AND TO LET THIS PROCESS STRENGTHEN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE, AND THAT IMPORTANT THING AT THIS POINT WAS TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS TOWARD SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION I SAID I WAS CERTAIN SADAT'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS DAY BEFORE SECRETARY'S HAD MADE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE, AND WE HAD FOUND SYRIANS MORE FORTHCOMING THAN EXPECTED.

3. KHALLAF ASKED IF WE FORESAW FORMATION OF SYRIAN-ISRAELI MILITARY SUBGROUP AT GENEVA. I REPLIED THAT THIS POSSIBILITY WAS NOT TO BE EXCLUDED, ALTHOUGH NOTHING OF THIS SORT HAD BEEN SPELLED OUT. AL ERIAN MADE POINT THAT BRINGING SYRIANS TO

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GENEVA FOR DISENGAGEMENT TALKS COULD HAVE SIDE EFFECT OF

REACTIVATING GENEVA CONFERENCE BEFORE PASSAGE OF EGYPTIAN-  
ISRAELI FORTY-DAY DISENGAGEMENT PERIOD AND THUS MIGHT BE  
COMPLICATING.

4. EGYPTIANS SAID THEY WERE HAPPY TO SEE ME BACK IN GENEVA AND  
WISHED TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH.BASSIN

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